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Application Number	09/924,783
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Examiner Name	Ann Y. Lam
Attorney Docket Number	ACSC 60113 (2402P)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other _____2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) 03/05/2003 AMONDAF1 00000082 09924783iii. ☐ Other _____01 FC:1801750.00 DPb. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.****SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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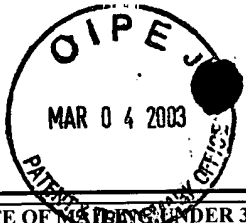
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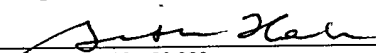
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action of December 3, 2002, the response for which is due March 3, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.